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Walking sticks (Plate
322 IIIa, IIIb[A] were brought to our attention. One had a lizard
532 carved on its handle,* while the likeness of a snake twisted its body realistically about the length of the stick.[50, 70a-b] On a similar stick of dull, yellowish wood the tense, erect head of the large reptile which wrapped itself about the cane formed the handle.[50] In the gaping mouth was held a ball. Even the smallest detail had been delicately and artistically executed. We could learn little of the history of the stick except that it had been carved many years ago by an old Negro who had given it to the present owner and soon afterward moved away from the section.** The snake decorating [50] a third cane had eyes of rhinestones[41c] which gleamed and flashed as the stick was moved about.†

322 Crude hand-carved wooden table utensils were in use in
412 several households.[70a-b] We were shown a fork (Plate IIc)[A] with only two prongs set wide apart on the far sides of the base. One of the spoons (Plate IIc)[A] was about the size of an average tablespoon, but with a bowl of considerably greater depth.‡

322 One Negro showed much ingenuity in the carving of a
532 linked chain § with a box-like object attached (Plate Ia).[A] Inside the box was a small wooden ball. This entire contraption had been made from one solid piece of wood.[70d-h] An-
[524] other man employed his spare time in the carving of small wooden dolls, jointed and so designed that they could stand alone.[41e-i] §§ [B]

422 An old Negro (Plate V)[A] living in very poor circumstances
[428] owned a number of interesting objects.‖ These he said he had inherited from a grandfather who had come to this country from Santo Domingo, West Indies. Among the ob-

* *Made by and property of William Brown, Florence Street.*
** *Property of Henry Haynes, 41st and Harden Streets.*
† *Crawford Smith, 1704 Ogeechee Avenue.*
‡ *Made by and property of Alfred Wilcher, 610 West 31st Street.*
§ *Ibid.*
§§ *Made by and property of Marion Ralph, 2411 Harden Street.*
‖ *Julian Linder, 612 West 36th Street.*

A, [See Category 322, plates following p. xxxii-C, B, & A--Analyst]
B, [See Category 142, plate following p. xxxii-E--Analyst]

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We've been meeting and talking about heirs' property and how to get it cut up now so that folk don't lose all of it. There are so many people involved, all it takes is for one person to sell out. Once that one sells and some stranger gets in, he can force a partition suit, and they may end up losing a whole tract of land. What we've been trying to do is tell them how to get it partitioned among family members. So if one wants to sell, fine. He will just have that acre or so. But not the whole tract going out from under them.

[651] I'm talking to them about taxes and the importance of paying those taxes. And we're notifying people when we see their land up for sale for nonpayment of taxes. I'm talking to them about making wills. If you don't make a will [428] that's where all these heirs come in. It's just so much to keep up with.

Being a lawyer is something I always knew I wanted to do, from the time I can remember. And my intentions were always to return to Charleston and Johns Island. This is where I wanted to be. I love this place.

We can have some say as to what's going to be developed—what's going to go up and where it's going to go up. That's still open to us.